

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

DEC 19 2003

OFFICIAL

22/11/04  
11/4/04  
Bromer  
E. J. Bromer**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Examiner: Thomas J. Druan, Jr.

Serial Number: 09/708,658

GAU: 3724

Applicant: Nick Bromer

Filed: November 9, 2000

This paper submitted: December 19, 2003

Confirmation No.: 3157

Title: BLADE WITH MICROSCOPIC ...

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is in response to the final Action mailed on November 21, 2003. Please consider of the following:

**REMARKS**

[1-2] Claims 1 and 6 were rejected over Gerber '373, earlier cited and now applied. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

(1) Claim 1 recites

... a substrate including a specular surface, ... a thin plate deposited *on the specular surface* ... wherein the substrate is beveled toward a cutting edge of the blade; and *wherein the cutting edge comprises the plate extending to the cutting edge* ....

It follows from the italicized language that the specular surface is not the surface that is ground to sharpen the blade. If the side with the specular surface and